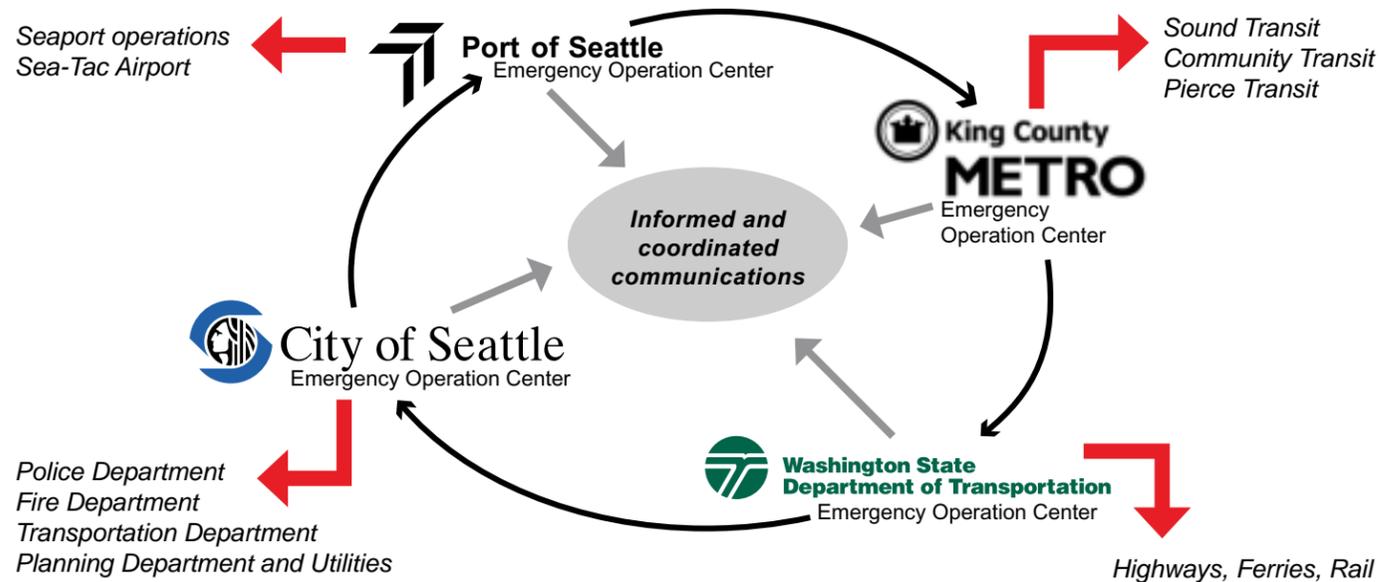


## Communication and Interagency Cooperation Are Key to Successful Emergency Response



### Communications will be directed to:

- Emergency service providers
- Major civic facilities
- Hospitality services and visitors
- Media
- Special need communities
- Businesses and employees
- Schools
- Freight
- General public

### Next Steps

The Washington State Department of Transportation and Seattle Department of Transportation will continue to update the Emergency Closure Plan. During the next few months, additional input from other agencies and stakeholders will help ensure the plan's success. The Seattle Department of Transportation will provide an update to the Seattle City Council in mid-2005.

### For More Information in Advance of an Emergency

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### In the Event of an Emergency

Travel Information 511  
Seattle's Emergency Alert System KIRO 710 AM

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## Alaskan Way Viaduct Emergency Closure Plan Strategy



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The Alaskan Way Viaduct and Seawall are old, deteriorating facilities, at risk of failure in the event of a strong earthquake. We know this and we are preparing. While not all scenarios can be anticipated, this brochure outlines basic strategies contained in the Emergency Closure Plan. The Washington State Department of Transportation and Seattle Department of Transportation's immediate priorities will be the protection of lives and speedy restoration of our transportation system.

In the event of a sizable earthquake and its aftershocks, drastic actions will be necessary to respond and restore services. Priority will be given to moving

emergency response personnel through the city. Traffic will be re-directed away from downtown Seattle. Key bridges and structures will be inspected. Temporary detours will be put in place and emergency public information systems will be activated.

In the days and weeks after an earthquake, the real difference will be made by Seattle travelers' decisions to change routes, limit travel and alter travel modes. This will determine how well people and goods move during a closure.

